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1. (C) INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. DISCOVERY IN CHILE OF TWO URUGYAYAN CHILDREN WHO "VANISHED" FROM THEIR SUBURBAN BUENOS AIRES HOME IN SEPTEMBER OF 1976 SET OFF A NEW ROUND OF INTEREST AND COMENTARY REGARDING URUGUAYAN FAMILIES THAT HAD "BEEN DISAPPEARED" ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO. THE CHILDREN WERE FOUND BY A BRAZILIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION . THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLYS MOST RECENT "DISAPPEAREDS" LIST WAS CONFISCATED FROM A DOWNTOWN PRINTING HOUSE. DE NICHILO WAS RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY, VISITED THE EMBASSY AND TOLD OF HIS TEMPORARY ARREST FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISM BACK IN 1969. A MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
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WITH EMBOFF THAT SECRET DETENTION CENTERS EXIST, THOUGH HE HALD OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO "DISAPPEARED INTO THE SYSTEM" MIGHT SURFACE AGAIN. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD GAVE EXTENSIVE FIRST PAGE COVERAGE AUGUST 1 AND 2 OF TWO URUGUAYAN CHILDREN, ANATOLE BORIS JULIEN GRISONAS AND HIS SISTER EVA LUCIA, WHO WERE DISCOVERED IN CHILE LVING WITH ADOPTIVE PARENTS ALMOST THREE YEARS AFTER HAVING VANISHED FROM THEIR PARENTS' HOME IN BUENOS AIRES. THE DISCOVERY WAS MADE AND PUBLISHED BY THE "COMMISSION FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOUTHERN TRIANGLE," WORKINGOUT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAO PAULO (BRAZIL). ACCORDING TO BUENOS AIRES PRESS STORIES THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT POLICE FORCES OF THE "SOUTHERN TRIANGLE" MAY HAVE COOPERATED IN KIDNAPPING COMPLETE FAMILIES OF URUGUYANS LIVING IN ARGENTINA.
THE TWO JULIEN GRISONAS CHILDREN VANISHED FROM THEIR SUBURBAN HOME ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1976. THE PRESS AT THAT TIME REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SHOOTOUT WITH TERRORISTS AT THE ADDRESS IN WHICH ONE PERSON (NEVER IDENTIFIED) WAS KILLED. THE TWO CHILDREN WERE FOUND ABANDONED IN VALPARAISO, CHILE ON DECEMBER 23 1976. THE CHILDREN'S MOTHER IS DEAD BUT THE FATHER MAY BE ALIVE AS A PRISONER IN URUGUAY, ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES.
ACCORDING TO THE HERALD, THE PATERNAL OF THE CHILDREN LED IN THE SEARCH AND IDENTIFIED THE YOUNGSTERS IN VALPARAISO ON JULY 26. THE TWO CHILDREN HAD BEEN TAKEN IN BY A CHILEAN COUPLE WHO, IN GOOD
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FAITH, WERE ON THE VERGE OF COMPLETING ADOPTION PROCEDURES. ACCORDING TO THE HERALD, THE REUNION OF THE GRANDMOTHER WITHT THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FOSTER PARENTS WAS ARRANGED BY THE SANTIAGO OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES.

THER HERALD'S FIRST STORY ON THIS SUBJECT WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT INSEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER OF 1976 ONE HUNDRED AND TEN URUGUAYANS LIVING IN ARGENTINA WERE KIDNAPPED. EIGTY NINE OF THEM, INCLUDING

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SIX CHILDREN, ARE STILL ON THE DISAPPEARED LIST. THE MISSING CHILDREN ARE MARINA ZAFFARONI AND SIMON ANTONIO RIQUELO, WHO DISAPPEARED IN 1976, A BABY ONLY A FEW DAYS OLD OF A COUPLE CALLE SANZ, WHO VANISHED IN FEBRUARY, 1978 AND BEATRIX LOURDES HERNANDEZ AND HER BROTHER AND SISTER WASHINGTON AND ANDREA, WHO WERE KIDNAPPED IN JULY 1, 977. (ANOTHER URUGUAYAN CHILD AMARAL GARCIA, DISAPPEAREDIN NOVEMBER OF 1974.) TWENTY SIX URUGUAYANS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED IN ARGENTINA EVENTUALLY APPEARED IN URUGUAY IN DETENTION. OTHER NEWPAPERS, INCLUDING THE LARGE CIRCULATION CLARIN REPORTED BRIEFER ACCOUNTS OF THE CHILDREN'S BEING FOUND.

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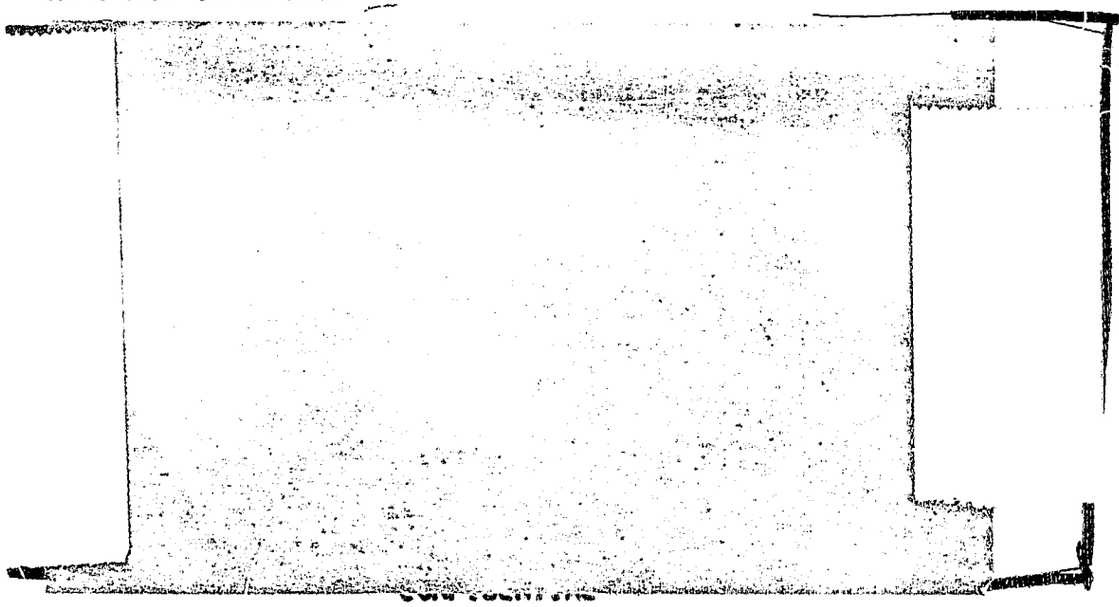
ACTIVITIES. THE UNITED NATIONS' SECRETARY FOR
INFORMATION ACTIVITIES (A JAPANESE) WILL VISIT
BUENOS AIRES EARLY IN SEPTEMBER TO INAUGURATE THE
UN'S NEW QUARTERS.



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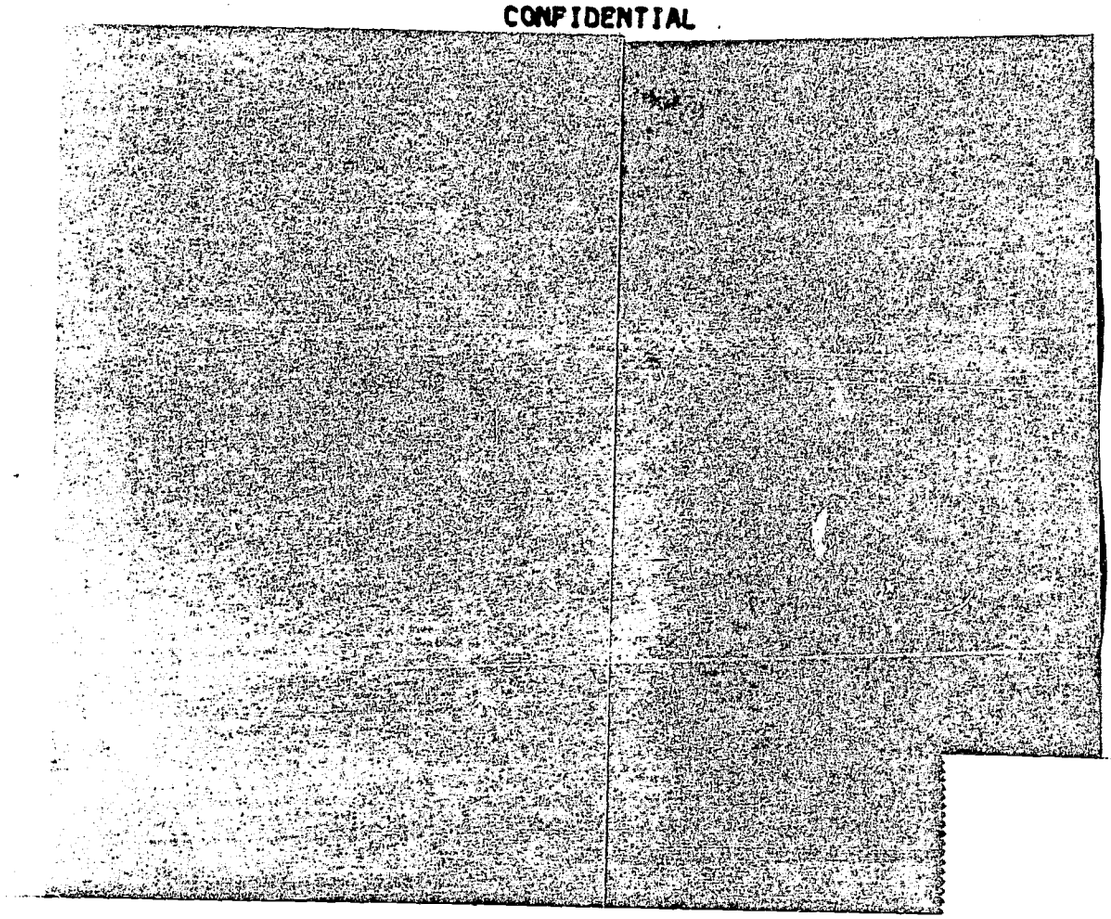

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8. (U) TIMERMAN CASE -----
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RAM NYRGAD HIT A HORNET'S NEST WHEN HE DELCARED IN SALTA JULY 31 THAT HE BELIEVED JACOBO TIMERMAN SHOULD BE SET FREE AND ALLOWED TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL, BECAUSE - "HE HAS THAT RIGHT, BEING A JEW". NYRGAD SAID APPEARED TO HIM THAT TIMERMAN WAS IN A KIND OF ALIMBO - NEITHER A PRISONER NOR DECLARED INNOCENT. "HE MUST BE SET FREE. I AM NO A JUDGE BUT ONE MUST RESPECT ARGENTINE JUDGES. TIMERMAN WAS TRIED AND DECLARED INNOCENT BY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COURTS. BOTH JUDGEMENTS DETERMINED THAT THE CASE WAS NOT ONE OF SUBVERSION." THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WERE QUICKLY FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THAT MINISTRY'S "CONSTERNATION" AT THE AMBASSADOR'S HAVING MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING AN "INTERNAL ARGENTINE MATTER."

9. (U) ANCHORENA DECLARATION -----
ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE TOMAS DE ANCHORENA WAS ALSO IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK WHEN HE DECLARED ON ARRIVAL AT EZEIZA AIRPORT FROM PARIS AUGUST 1 THAT
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THE CAMPAIGN ABROAD AGAINST ARGENTINA, ESPECIALLY IN FRANCE, HAS STARTED UP AGAIN. ANCHORENA SAID THAT THE ANTI-ARGENTINE CAMPAIGN WHICH REACHED A PEAK IN THE EARLY PART OF LAST YEAR HAD VIRTUALLY COME *TO A STANDSTILL SINCE, BUT THAT NOW IT HAD BEEN* STARTED AGAIN, HE BELIEVED, "BY THOSE INTERESTED IN CAUSING CONFUSION" BEFORE THE FORTH COMING VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

10. (7) MANRIQUE VISIT IN US -----
THE LOCAL PRESS GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO THE VISIT *TO THE UNITED STATES OF "FEDERALIST" FORMER PRESIDENT-* TIAL CANDIDATE FRANCISCO MANRIQUE. MANRIQUE MET WITH SENATOR KENNEDY, WHO ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS HERE EXPPRESSED CONCERN ABOU THE ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION GENERALLY AND REFUSAL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERN-MENT TO ALOW FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR CAMPORA TO LEAVE

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THE COUNTRY IN PARTICULAR. KENNEDY ALSO EXPRESSED
CONCERN TO MANRIQUE ABOUT THE JACOBO TIMERMAN CASE. MANRIQUE
IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING REJECTED "FOREIN INTERFERENCE"
INTO ARGENTINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND HAVING
DEFENDED THIS COUNTRY BY SAYING THAT IN ORDER TO
APPRECIATE CONDITIONS HERE ONE MUST HAVE LIVED THROUGH
THEPAST FEW DIFFICULTYEARS AND SEE THINGS AS THEY
ARE FROM BUENOS AIRES.
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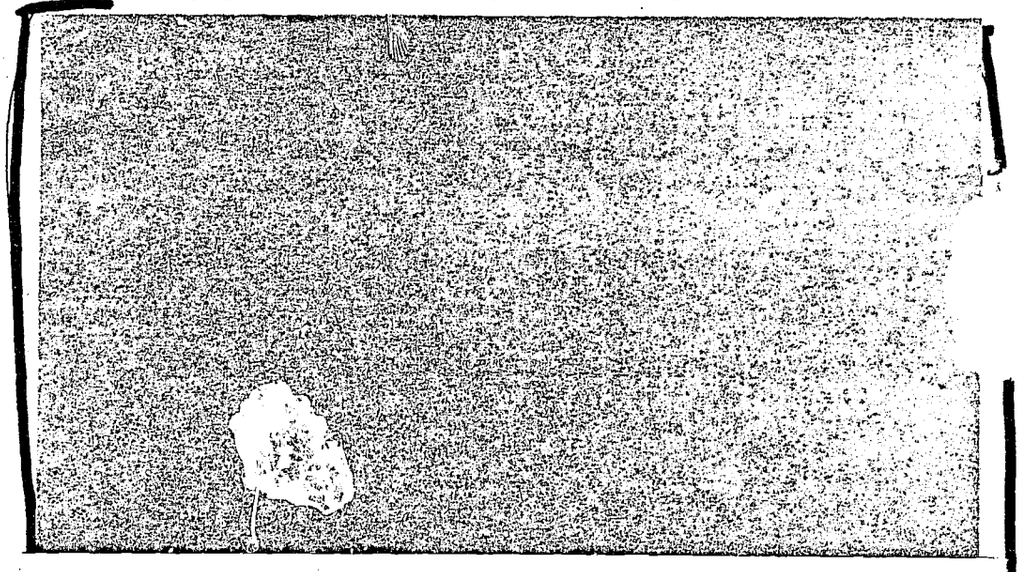

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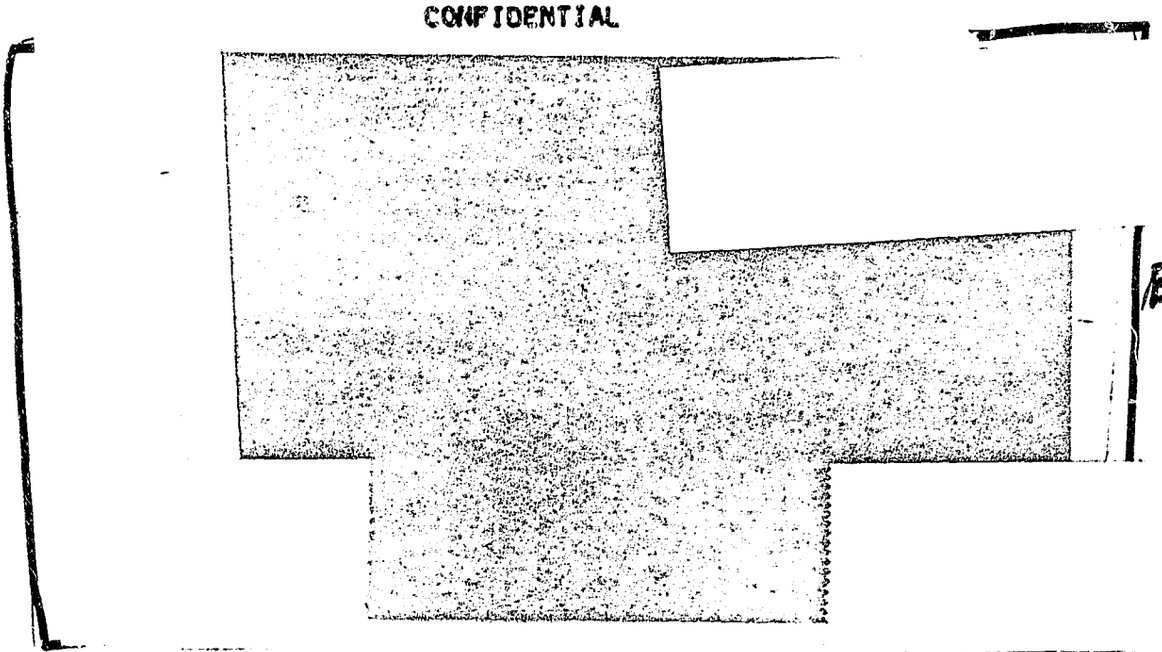

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(C-XDS-4) PRINTING OUSE RAIDED

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 28, THE ALEMANN AND COMPANY PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT - WHOSE REPUTABLE NEWSPAPER ARGENTINSCHES TAGEBLATT SERVES ARGENTINA'S GERMAN SPEAKING COMMUNITY - WAS SURROUNDED AND SEARCHED AND ALL MATERIALS HAVING TO DO WITH A HUMAN RIGHTS PUBLICATION WERE CONFISCATED. ALTHOUGH NO IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE OF THE DOCUMENT AT THE TIME, THE SEIZURE WAS OF 30,000 NEWS-PRINTED VERSIONS OF

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THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MOST RECENT LIST OF SOME 5,000 PERSONS REPORTED DISAPPEARED.

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MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD LEARNED SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE RAID OF THE PRINTING JOB THE ALEMANN COMPANY WAS UNDERTAKING,

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AND THAT A DISPUTE HAD ENSUED IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DEMANDED THAT THE ALEMANN COMPANY STOP THE ASSEMBLY ORDER. THE COMANY APPARENTLY REPLIED IT WOULD NOT DO SO WITHOUT A FORMAL POLICE ORDER. THE PUBLICATION HAD FIRST BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED ON TUESDAY JULY 24 BUT DELIVERY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY POSTPONED. IT HAD AT LAST BEEN ARRANGED THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD SEND A TRUCK TO PICK UP THE PUBLICATION ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 5. THE POLICE ARRIVED AT 4:30 WITH A SIGNED DECREE FORBIDDING PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF THE DOCUMENT ON GROUNDS THAT ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE WHICH DID NOT IDENTIFY SOURCES. IN FACT, EMBASSY WAS TOLD BY PERMANENT ASSEMBLY OFFICLAS, THE DOCUMENT IS PLAINLY SOURCED AS BEING A LIST MADE UP BY THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY, THE LIGA AND THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY PAID A 50 PERCENT DEPOSIT IN ADVANCE ON THE TOTAL PROJECT (TOTAL COSTS WER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF US $5,000), AND HAD PAID THE OTHER 50 PERCENT ON FRIDAY THE DAY BEFORE THE PAPERS WERE SEIZED. PERMANENT ASSEMBLY LAWYERS ARE LOOKING NOW INTO WAYS IN WHICH THE COURTS CAN BE REQUESTED TO FORCE ALLOWING THE DISAPPEARED LIST TO BE RELEASED AND CIRCULATED, AND ALSO WAYS (AS A FALLBAKC) THE ASSEMBLY CAN BE REPAID ITS MONEY FOR WHAT IT CONSIDERS STILL *TO BE A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC ACTIVITY.*
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5. (C-XDS-1) UN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES GET THE NOD -----
THE BUENOS AIRES DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION HAS REPORTED THAT IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS HE HAS BEEN GIVEN PROMISE OF $40,000 PER YEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO SUPPORT UNITED NATIONS' *INFORMATION ACTIVITY, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL $10,000 THIS* YEAR WHICH WILL GO INTO MOVING THE UNITED NATIONS FACILITY FROM ITS PRSENT INADEQUATE QUARTERS TO A MODERN NEW BUILDING. WHAT INTERESTS THE LOCAL UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE IS THAT US EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES IS WELL KNOWN TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AGREEING TO FINANCE UN ACTIVITIES HER CAN ONLY HAVE BEEN DONE WHT HTISIN MIND. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN A BUILDING IN MAR DEL PLATA FOR ITS INFORMATION

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